

Dear FCC,As a rural consumer that does not have access to broadband internet access,

I am excited by the possibility of access by powerline. I have found that current broad band providers are not eager in offering services to homes and schools that are out of the urban areas where they get more profit for their infrastructure costs. Allowing power companies to use present infrastructure in those areas may be the answer. It would be in the interest of the providers to reach out to the rural consumer.

As a licensed amateur radio operator, I am concerned about interference. Alabama power appears serious about eliminating interference in our area, but I know this is not true throughout the country. Amateur radio saves lives in our community, but I am not sure BPL will. If BPL providers are serious about support from the amateur radio community, have them seek out HAMS for beta testing in the community. This will be an incentive to all parties to resolve any problems up front instead of doing damage control.

Thank you.